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**DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE
ON DEVELOPMENT (D) DEPARTMENTS
2025-26**

**FIFTEENTH
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Report on Demands for the Grant No. 9
For the year 2025-26**

DEPARTMENT : TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

TWENTY SEVENTH REPORT

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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (D) DEPARTMENTS, 2025-26**

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, as Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this **Twenty Seventh Report** on Demands for **Grant No. 9** of the **Transport Department** for the financial year, **2025-2026**.
2. Demands for Grant have been examined by the Committee under Rule 260 J (1)(a) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.
3. The Committee took evidence of the representatives of the **Transport Department** on **13th March, 2025**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and approved by the Committee at their meeting held on **16th March, 2025**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Transport Department** for placing before them the requisite materials and their considered views in connection with the subjects under consideration.
6. The Committee would also like to place on record their deep sense of appreciation for the invaluable assistance rendered to them by the Officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Committee.

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Dated : 16th March, 2025

Dr. Paramananda Rajbongshi
Chairman
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Assam Legislative Assembly

Chapter – I

Grant No.9 (TRANSPORT)

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments took Grant No. 9 incorporated in the Budget which was presented to the House on 10th March, 2025 for the Financial Year, 2025-26 for consideration.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments has made this Report incorporating all the facts and data given in the Budget and Preliminary Status Paper including Action Taken Report furnished by the Transport Department which are briefly focused as follows-

1.1. While examining the papers and documents, as received from the concerned Department in respect of Grant No. 9 and the budget provision made thereto, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments held the said meeting on 13th March, 2025 and took oral evidence from the Departmental representatives for discussing all the points raised by the Hon'ble Members of the Committee. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken Report on the recommendation made in its **Twenty Sixth Report** for the year, 2024-25.

The Budget provision made under Grant No.9 relating to Transport Department for the financial year 2025-26 is as given under:

	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	38047.08	18819.58	56866.66
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

General Areas			
	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	37740.53	18819.58	56560.11
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council			
	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	204.40	0.00	204.40
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council			
	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	102.15	0.00	102.15
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

Bodoland Territorial Council			
	Revenue	Capital	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Voted	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

Under the following Heads, an estimated Budget Allocation has been fixed as shown below:

General Areas		
Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates 2025-26
2041	Taxes on Vehicles	5988.88
2070	Other Administrative Services	289.95
3055	Road Transport	12007.41
3056	Inland Water Transport	19454.29
5055	Capital Outlay on Road Transport	2537.19
5056	Capital Outlay on Inland Water Transport	16282.39

Grand Total Rs. 56560.11

The amount, so allocated is presented before the House and is proposed to be spent in the Revenue Expenditure.

The Committee examined the Major Head of Grant No. 9 and took oral evidence from the Transport Departmental representatives. The Transport Department under Grant No. 9 comprises/incorporates various schemes taken by the Departments for the financial year 2025-26.

CHAPTER-II

A brief note on Grant No.9: -

(I) The Commissioner of Transport:

The Commissionerate of Transport, Assam, is a major revenue-generating department, contributing significantly to the state's exchequer. In the current financial year 2024-25, an amount of Rs. 1284.72 Crore has already been realized as Motor Vehicle (M.V.) Revenue, marking a 4.35% increase compared to the same period in the previous year. Since 1stSeptember, 2020, all departmental revenue is collected online, promoting digitization and reducing revenue leakage. The Commissionerate is also focused on improving road safety through enforcement of laws, road safety awareness, and educational programs.

The Commissioner of Transport, Assam has initiated several key projects and schemes:

- I. **Contactless & Faceless Online Services:** 56 online services have been launched, allowing the Transport Department to offer service delivery at citizens' doorsteps. Authorized automobile dealers are now empowered to register fully built vehicles on first sale. Additionally, driving licenses and registration certificates are now issued electronically in PDF format since 15thSeptember, 2023.
- II. **CM-TRANS System:** The CM-Transport Randomised Allocation Networked System (CM-TRANS) has been implemented for enhanced transparency.
- III. **Vehicle Scrappage Policy:** To encourage the voluntary submission and proper dismantling of old, polluting vehicles, the Assam Vehicle Scrappage Policy 2022 was introduced. The first Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF) in Eastern and North-Eastern India was set up at Rangia, Kamrup (Rural) in 2022, followed by three additional RVSFs. Over 7,500 vehicles have been scrapped to date.
- IV. **Green Tax and Incentives for Electric Vehicles:** A "Green Tax" is levied on transport vehicles over 10 years old and non-transport vehicles over 15 years old, as per the Vehicle Scrappage Policy. To encourage electric vehicles (EVs), a 2% M.V. Tax subvention is provided for the purchase of new non-transport electric vehicles, and these vehicles are exempt from registration fees until 31stMarch, 2025.
- V. **Enforcement and Monitoring:** Strict enforcement against violations of the M.V. Act is conducted regularly. Electronic monitoring for over-speeding, which accounts for 65% of accidents, is carried out with 46 Traffic Interceptor Vehicles (TIVs). Portable Weigh-in-Motion (WIM) devices are used to detect overloaded vehicles, and regular drives against drunk driving are conducted using breath analyzers.
- VI. **Automated Testing Stations (ATS):** To eliminate human intervention in the issuance of Fitness Certificates, fitness testing of vehicles in Barak valley is compulsory at the NIAMIT Silchar facility. The first ATS for fitness testing has been operational at Kendukona, Kamrup Rural, and the construction of an Inspection and Certification Center at ISBT, Lokhora, is nearly complete. Four more ATS are under construction and will be operational soon.
- VII. **Driver Training and Testing:** To improve driving standards, accredited Driver Training Centres (ADTC) with automated testing infrastructure are under construction at five locations: Moran (Dibrugarh), Nagaon, Biswanath, Kamrup Rural, and Barpeta. These are expected to be operational by mid-year.

(II) Inland Water Transport Assam:

The Directorate of Inland Water Transport (IWT) Assam, functioning under the Transport Department of the Government of Assam, oversees water transportation activities in the river routes across Assam, focusing on passenger ferrying and cargo transportation on the Brahmaputra, Barak, and their tributaries. Inland Water Transport is the most economical transport mode, supplementing overburdened railways and congested roadways, reducing traffic jams, and providing access to remote areas. Currently, IWT Assam operates 90 ferry services, with 72 in the Brahmaputra valley and 18 in the Barak valley. It also leases vessels to private operators for cargo services, contributing to the state's revenue. The Directorate is focused on upgrading infrastructure, developing terminal facilities, adding vessels, and enhancing river transport safety. Enforcement of the Assam Regulatory Act and upgrading the IWT Crew Training Centre are also priorities.

The newly formed Assam Inland Waterways Company Ltd. (AIWCL) aims to transform the sector through investments via PPP and leasing models for passenger, cargo, and tourism activities. Since November 2023, AIWCL has been operating the Guwahati-Umananda ferry service. Additionally, a MoU has been signed with Numaligarh Refinery Limited for bulk High-Speed Diesel (HSD) to power IWT passenger vessels stationed in Guwahati and Jorhat, with most vessels now using HSD from NRL.

IWT Assam has also outsourced five retired navy personnel to provide maritime training to departmental crews and local youth, issuing Certificates of Competency (CoC) to those completing the program. To promote religious tourism, the government has launched the 'Development of Riverine-Based Religious Circuit through Waterways in Guwahati', with a quadripartite MoU signed between IWT Assam, SDCL, IWAI, and ATDC to operate hop-on/hop-off services along seven important temples on the Brahmaputra's banks, offering a unique experience for tourists and pilgrims.

Furthermore, two Fiber-Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Catamarans have been procured under SOPD-G to meet passenger and tourist demands, providing durable, lightweight, and efficient vessels.

(III) Assam State Transport Corporation:

Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC), a key organization in the northeastern Indian transport sector since 1970 and a State Transport Department since 1948, has undertaken major infrastructure projects such as the construction of ISBTs at Khanapara in Guwahati and Tezpur, and the development of EV charging stations. As of now, 98% progress has been achieved on the ISBT project at Khanapara and 93% at Tezpur. For the financial year 2024-25, the State Budget has allocated Rs. 500 lakhs for the Tezpur ISBT project, Rs. 100 lakhs for the Khanapara ISBT, and Rs. 300 lakhs for EV charging stations. These projects will significantly enhance Assam's public transport system, promote environmental sustainability, and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

ASTC has long been burdened by its large workforce in relation to the number of vehicles, with many employees, especially drivers and conductors, being aged. The average age of regular ASTC employees is around 50 years. In response, ASTC issued a notification on 05.02.2022 for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) applications. A total of 397 employees were found eligible, with an estimated cost of ₹ 1,21,00,86,113. In the first phase, ASTC received Rs. 5000 lakhs in the FY 2022-23 Supplementary Budget, releasing 170 employees and saving Rs. 73.67 lakhs in gross salary. In the second phase, Rs. 2500 lakhs was allocated in the FY 2023-24 State Budget, with 83 employees released, saving Rs. 47.40 lakhs in salary.

ASTC also faces outstanding liabilities, including CPF, Gratuity, and Un-utilized Leave Salary from January 2016 to December 2024, estimated at Rs. 18000 lakhs, along with EPF liabilities for May to December 2023 assessed at Rs. 600 lakhs. Inclusion of funds for these liabilities in the 2025-26 State Budget would significantly ease ASTC's financial burden.

New Schemes launched by the Government, if any: - There is no New Scheme launched under The Commissioner of Transport, Assam.

The Transport Department has furnished the Preliminary Status relating to schemes proposed for the SOPD 2025-26 with the particular prominence under Grant No.9 as follows:

(I) **Commissioner of Transport:**

Sl. No.	Major Head	Name of the Scheme	Budget Provision (BE) for 2024-25 under SOPD (Rs. in Lakh)		Budget Provision (BE) for 2025-26 under SOPD (Rs. in Lakh)	
			Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital
1	3055-00-001-1390-047-04-99-SOPD-G- GA-V	Installation of BSNL leased line for On-line registration / licensing, On-line Tax payment in DTO Offices in the State	50.00		50.00	
2	3055-00-001-1394-128-32-99-SOPD-G- GA-V	Assam State Road safety Fund-Assam Motor Vehicle Road Safety Cess	330.32		275.74	
3	3055-00-001-1394-129-32-99-SOPD-G- GA-V	Assam Motor Vehicle Road Safety Compounding Fee	3115.00		446.26	
4	3055-00-001-2443-462-32-01-SOPD-G- GA-V	Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- Airport	301.00		1014.33	
5	3055-00-001-0868-000-33-01-SOPD-G- GA-V	ASTC - Electric Vehicle Charging Station	0.01		0.01	
6	3055-00-190-2359-000-32-99-SOPD-G- GA-V	ASTC- Dharmajyoti	100.00		100.00	
7	5055-00-050-1536-TR3-13-01-SOPD- G- GA-V	Construction of Inter State Bus Terminals (ISBT) in Assam		600.00		600.00
8	5055-00-050-1536-TR4-13-01-SOPD- G- GA-V	Construction & Upgradation of DTO Offices in Assam		1149.95		800.00

9	5055-00-050-1536-TR5-13-05-SOPD-G-GA-V	Land Acquisition for Construction of Airports in Assam		155.44		717.94
10	5055-00-050-1536-940-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Construction of Automated Driving Testing Track in Assam		270.00		1.00
11	5055-00-050-1536-942-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Repairing and renovation M.V Check gate in the state		75.00		1.00
12	5055-00-050-5291-056-42-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	A.S.T.C.-Charging Station for E-Vehicles		300.00		200.00
13	5055-00-800-2443-463-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Regional Connectivity Scheme(RCS)-Heliport		50.00		50.00
14	5055-00-800-5896-201-99-02-SOPD-G-GA-V	E- Transport (Computerization) Project- Procurement of IT equipment & E-governance		50.00		30.00
15	3055-00-190-4514-000-32-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Viability Gap for E-Vehicles	0.00		1106.00	
16	5055-00-050-1536-TR1-13-01-SOPD-G-GA-V	Development of Transport Infrastructure, up-gradation of existing ISBT and ASTC stations		0.00		200.00
17	3055-00-001-7232-928-32-01-SOPD-SS-GA-V	Development/ Upgradation of Depot-State Share	35.60		107.41	
G/Total			3931.93	2650.39	3099.75	2599.94

(II) Inland Water Transport, Assam

A. ON-GOING SCHEMES (SOPD-G)

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No	Name of schemes	Head of Accounts	Estimated cost	Budget provision 2024-25	Status of Physical progress	Remarks
1.	Construction of 2 nos. 22.00 m long Steel Catamaran (Mar-Boat) for Sadia and Dhubri ferry service on the river Brahmaputra.	5056-00-104-0172-153-13-01-SOPD-G	380.00	37.00	100 %	After satisfactory Trial run, the remaining catamaran have been Delivered to the department.

2.	Construction of 2 (two) nos. 20.0 M long A.C. single boat to be utilized as Cruise Vessel for commercial up-gradation.	5056-00-104-0172-157-13-01-SOPD-G	245.10	20.00	68%	Ongoing scheme likely to be completed within coming F.Y.
3.	Procurement of marine engines and gear box of 15 (Fifteen) machineries and equipments as 30% State Share for implementation of Jibondinga Scheme	5056-00-104-0172-159-15-01-SOPD-G	NA	500.00	100%	Budget utilize for 30% cost sharing against procurement of marine engines and gear box under Jibondinga Scheme. 100% financial target has achieved.
4.	Procurement of FRP Boats to be utilized as River Taxi for development of Guwahati to North Guwahati IWT ferry service	5056-00-104-0172-165-13-01-SOPD-G	250.00	125.00	100%	100% physical target has been achieved. Scheme Completed. 76% financial target has been achieved.

B. EAP (World Bank Funding)

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of scheme	Head of Accounts	Estimated cost	Budget provision 2024-25	Remarks
1.	Capital outlay on inland water transport under World Bank for Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society (AIWTDS)-EAP for IWT Development-Grants-in-aid General (Non-Salary)-Others	5056-00-104-5772-827-32-99-EAP(CS)	INR 770 Crores	14968.00	<u>State Share (20%)</u> Fund proposed against World Bank funding for the Assam IWT Project to be implemented by Assam IWT Development Society.
	Capital outlay on inland water transport under World Bank for Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society (AIWTDS)-EAP for IWT Development-Grants-in-aid General (Non-Salary)-Others	5056-00-104-5772-827-32-99-EAP(SS)		3742.00	<u>Central Share (80%)</u> Fund proposed against World Bank funding for the Assam IWT Project to be implemented by Assam IWT Development Society.

C. Ongoing C. S. Scheme (100 % Grant-in Aid)

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of schemes	Head of Accounts	Estimated cost	Budget provision 2024-25	Status of Physical progress	Remarks
1.	Construction of 15 nos. of 17.0M long floating Terminals at 15 ghat on the river Barak (NW-16) under CSS	5056-00-101-5548-151-13-01-CSS	636.91	92.86	---	Due to delay in execution of the work, the order has been cancelled and the schemes foreclosed.

(III) Assam State Transport Corporation:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Head	Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Head of Accounts	Estimated cost *	Budgeted amount for 2024-25	Status of Physical Progress	Remark
Revenue Head	1	Grant in Aid for the Revenue Gap (Salary of ASTC employees)	3055-Road Transport-00-190-Assistance to Public Sector & Other Undertakings -5291-ASTC-000-31- Grant-in-Aid General (Salary)-99-Others-EE		3600.00	100%	For salaries of ASTC employees
	2	Payment of Past Liabilities of ASTC employees	3055-Road Transport-00-190-Assistance to Public Sector & Other Undertakings -5291-ASTC-000-31- Grant-in-Aid General (Salary)-98-Arrears -EE		2500.00	100%	For clearing the outstanding due of ASTC employees
	3	VRS scheme for ASTC employees	3055-Road Transport-00-190-Assistance to Public Sector & Other Undertakings -5291-ASTC-000-31- Grant-in-Aid General (Salary)-98-Arrears -EE		500.00		For granting of VRS to ASTC employees
	4	ISBT Tezpur (on going)	3055-Road Transport-00-190-Assistance to Public Sector & Other Undertaking-5894 Development of ASTC Station- 101 Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT) Tezpur-32- Grant in Aid (Non Salary)-99-Others SOPD-G	2863.00	500.00	93% (as per original estimate)	Development of ISBT Tezpur
	5	ISBT Khanapara (on going)	3055-Road Transport-00-190-Assistance to Public Sector & Other Undertaking-5894 Development of ASTC Station- 103 Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT) Khapanara-32- Grant in Aid (Non Salary)-99-Others SOPD-G	1226.64	100.00	98% (as per revised estimate)	Development of ISBT Khanapara
	6	Dharmajyoti Scheme under ASTC	3055-Road Transport-00-190 Assistance to Public Sector & Other Undertaking -2359-Dharmajyoti -000-32- Grant in aid (Non- Salary) -99 Others-SOPD-G		100.00	100%	Subsidies for transportation of pilgrims visiting holy places
	7	Land Monitization	3055-Road Transport-00-190-Assistance to Public Sector & Other Undertakings -5291-A.S.T.C-000-05- Payment for Professional & Special Services -03-Consultancy Fees -EE		150.00		For appointment of Consultant Firm to identify ASTC's untapped/ idle assets for their monetization.
	8	Electrical connection to the EV Charging Stations' under ASTC	3055-Road Transport-00-190 Assistance to Public Sector & Other Undertaking -7108-Electrical connection to the EV Charging Stations' under ASTC-000-32- Grant in aid General (Non- Salary) -99 Others-SOPD-G		300.00		For payment to APDCL for providing service connection to newly constructed EV charging station
	9	MACT liabilities of ASTC	3055-Road Transport-00-190-Assistance to Public Sector & Other Undertakings -5291-ASTC-071 MACT-26 Other Charges-09-EE		250.00		For clearing the outstanding due of ASTC employees & granting of VRS to ASTC employees

	10	Implementation of Automation project under ASTC	3055-Road Transport-00-190 Assistance to Public Sector & Other Undertaking -5291-ASTC -054- ASTC Automation-32-Grant in Aid General (Non Salary)-99- Others -SOPD-G		100.00		
Capital Head	1	Construction of ISBT, Tinsukia	5055-Capital Outlay on Road Transport-00-050 Land and Building-5291-ASTC-057- Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT), Tinsukia-13-Major Works-01-Normal-SOPD-G		100.00		Possession of land (20 bighas) has been taken on 10.02.2025 and the preliminary work has been initiated
	2	Construction of ISBT, Badarpur	5055-Capital Outlay on Road Transport-00-050 Land and Building-5291-ASTC-071- Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT), Badarpur-13-Major Works-01-Normal-SOPD-G		100.00		As per the report received from Circle Officer, Badarpur there is no suitable Govt. Khas land allotted for ISBT, Badarpur
	3	Charging Station for E-Vehicles	5055-Capital Outlay on Road Transport-00-050 Land & Building-5291-ASTC-056- Charging Station for E-Vehicles-42-Transfer of fund for Buildings and Structures-01-Normal-SOPD-G		300.00		For construction of EV Charging stations at ASTC campus in Nalbari and Mangaldoi, works are going on

1. Performance Budget/Annual Report of the Department (relating to Grant No.9)

(I) Commissioner of Transport:

The Fund allocation and expenditure incurred under EE&SOPD during last 3(Three) years and the current financial year are shown below: -

Year	Fund under EE. Budget (Rs. In Lakhs)				Fund under SOPD Budget (Rs. In Lakhs)			
	Fund Allotted	Fund Received	Fund Utilized	% Utilization	Fund Allotted	Fund Received	Fund Utilized	% Utilization
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2021-22	6254.80	4361.52	4361.52	69.73	273858.55	26666.052	26666.052	97.45
2022-23	8836.48	6118.60	6118.60	69.25	7374.32	5322.03115	5322.03115	72.17
2023-24	7963.00	5527.12	5527.12	69.41	10566.83	7803.88	7803.88	73.85
2024-25 (Upto January, 2025)	7517.58	4781.44	4781.44	63.60	5986.73	1245.471	1245.471	20.80

(II) Inland Water Transport, Assam:

Year	Fund under Capital Budget (SOPD/CSS/EAP) (Rs. in Lakhs)				Fund under Revenue Budget (Rs. in Lakhs)			
	Fund Allotted	Fund Received	Fund Utilized	% Utilization	Fund Allotted	Fund Received	Fund Utilized	% Utilization
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2022-23	10411.73	7277.00	7277.00	69.89%	25397.45	15771.67	15771.67	62%
2023-24	28342.56	17518.97	17518.97	61.81 %	19948.82	15881.10	15881.10	79.61 %
2024-25	20599.86	16154.16	16154.16	78.42 %	19790.85	13697.53	13697.53	69.21 %

(III) Assam State Transport Corporation

Year	Fund under Capital Budget				Fund under Revenue Budget			
	Fund allotted	Fund received	Fund utilized	% Utilization	Fund allotted	Fund received	Fund utilized	% Utilization
2022-23	815.00	570.00	570.00	69.94	9599.00	9509.00	9509.00	99.06
2023-24	1116.00	853.13	853.13	76.45	10799.08	9265.29	9265.29	85.80
2024-25 (upto 26 th February, 2025)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8051.00	6262.50	6262.50	77.79

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

Furnished by the Transport Department on the observation and recommendation contained in the Twenty Sixth Report of the DRSC on Development (D) Departments on Grant No.9 of the Budget 2024-25

Sl. No.	Observations & Recommendation	Action Taken/ Status Report
1.	The Department provides free Driving Training Course to the unemployed youth District wise. Though the Hon'ble MLAs are members of the District Level Committee, they are not informed by the DCs regarding selection of the youths. Hence, the Committee recommends the Department to instruct all the DCs to involve MLAs in the selection of the youths for driving training course.	It may be mentioned upon perusal of the Scheme of Skill training in Driving of 50 youths from each Legislative Assembly Constituency area of Assam, it is observed that District Commissioners under the guidance of the Guardian Minister of the District select the individuals. There is no mention in the Scheme of Skill Training in Driving covering 50 youths from each Legislative Assembly Constituency area of Assam that Hon'ble MLAs are members of the District Level Committee. The scheme is to be wind up soon. Steps will be taken to instruct the DCs to take guidance/views of the Hon'ble MLAs.
2.	The Committee observes that there is not a single bus stop or ISBT at Hatsingimari, South Salmara & Mankachar district for which people are facing lots of difficulty. Therefore, the Committee recommends the Department to make provisions to set up one bus terminal in the district.	MD., ASTC communicated to the District Commissioner, South Salmara and Mankachar District vide letter no-ASTC/CE/1496/2019/427, dated 29 th October 2019 regarding allotment of land for Bus terminal besides the main road at the District Headquarter. But till date no positive response has been received yet. However, the ASTC is constantly perusing the matter.
3.	Regarding establishment of ISBT in Bhairabkunda, the Department has informed the Committee that land has not been found yet. Regarding establishment of ISBT in Kokrajhar, land has been found in Charpanguri which is too far from the headquarter. Therefore, the Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation to establish one ISBT at Bhairabkunda and Kokrajhar.	<p>Establishment of ISBT in Kokrajhar</p> <p>MD., ASTC had already engaged an Architecture Firm for preparing design of the proposed ISBT at Kokrajhar, but the same could not be materialized due to receipt of contradictory communications from BTC officials from time to time. Initially Secretary BTC allotted a plot of land measuring 30 (Thirty) Bighas under (Dag no. 279/323) at Shyamgaon under Kokrajhar Revenue Circle vide letter no. BTC/ Transport-42/07/12, dated Kokrajhar the 18th August, 2007, but local people did not allow our Architect to start the Preliminary works. Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar was informed the matter vide letter no. ASTC/CE/07/990/623, dated 26th Sept, 2017 for taking necessary action on the matter. Subsequently, the Secretary Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar has cancelled the allotment of the earlier land at Shyamgaon and re-allocated another plot of land at Kathalguri no. 1 (Titaguri) Kokrajhar vide letter no. BTC/Trans-25/2005/223, dated 22nd Dec, 2017. Further again, the Under Secretary Govt. of Assam, Transport Department requested to submit the plan & estimate for construction of ISBT at Fakiragram vide letter no.- TMV.263/2017/68, dated 1st Feb, 2018. Therefore, vide letter no. ASTC/CE/07/1024B, dated 27-01-2022 correspondence for the matter for handing over the final site to ASTC for smooth construction of ISBT Kokrajhar is made. But till date no positive response is received yet.</p> <p>Establishment of ISBT in Bhairabkunda</p> <p>In regards to the Construction of ISBT at Bhairabkunda, Udalguri district, a communication was made by ASTC to Transport Department, Dispur, Govt. of Assam vide letter no. ASTC/CE/07/1015/2022/60, dated 10.05.2022, ASTC/CE/07/1015/2022/9855, dated 08.06.2022 and ASTC/CE/07/1015/2022/43, dated 03.05.2024, that ASTC does not have land at Bhairabkunda, Udalguri for construction of ISBT, accordingly, proposals of the land at suitable place measuring 15 bighas (approx.) and budgetary support for construction of ISBT was submitted to the Transport Department for needful. Accordingly, Transport Department vide its letter No. Ecf No. 205614/11, dated 10.05.2024 communicated the same to the Principal Secretary, BTC, Kokrajhar but till date no positive response is received yet.</p>

4.	<p>The Committee brings notice to the Department about the 5 river ghats which run under Zilla Parishad in South SalmaraMankachar district where management is not functioning properly. There is no Inland water Transport office in the district to control all these activities. Therefore, the Committee recommends that one Inland water Transport office should be established in the district.</p> <p>Further the Committee also recommended that one I.W.T. ghat should be set up at South SalmaraMankachar and continue the Ro-Pax boat service connecting Hatsingimari with Dhubri district.</p>	<p>One Sectional Officer is entrusted duty at Dhubri South Salmara ferry service under South SalmaraMankachar district. During flood seasons a Catamaran vessel namely M.V. Sankari is operated to ensure continuity of ferry services. However, the Ro-Pax vessel cannot be operated throughout the year as the water levels of river Brahmaputra in Dhubri Hatsingimari ferry route are not sufficient for its operation during lean seasons.</p>
5.	<p>The committee observes that huge numbers of passengers travel by boat from AlikashParghat, Chaygaon to many char areas like Batahdia, Balagaon, Bogdiya, Nayapara, Khetrpara, Kalardia&Saralpara etc. including various char areas of Chamaria. As such AlikashParghat has a great importance with respect to water transport in the constituency. Therefore, the Committee recommends that AlikashParghat, Chaygaon should be upgraded.</p>	<p>AlikashParghat is a notified ferry service under I.W.T. Assam. A new Pontoon will be placed at the Alikash ferry service at an early date to upgrade the embarkation and disembarkation for ferry commuters.</p>
6.	<p>The Committee is of the opinion that Gumi is the Centre of Palashbari, Chaygaon and Boko and daily large number of passengers travel by boat from Gumi to many char areas like Bhatkhurdia, Kalapani, Batahidiya, Balagaon, Goroimari, Panikhaiti etc. and also used for business purpose like loading or unloading of goods. The Committee feels that Gumi has a huge scope for exploring river business. Hence, the Committee recommends that one new parghat should be allotted at Gumi and Dakhala.</p>	<p>The Gumi point is within jurisdiction of Houhuwa-Sombaria-Bhogdia-Directory- 7 No. Panikhaiti ferry service whereas the Dakhala point is within the jurisdiction of Bamundi-Sialmari-Guimari ferry service. Both the ferry services are notified ferry services under I.W.T. Assam. To upgrade these ferry services new Pontoon will be placed.</p>
7.	<p>The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation made by the Committee in its Twenty Fifth Report (Sl. No.7) to mention the speed limit to different areas along the road side and also there should be traffic signal board in each and every road in Assam to reduce the number of accidents.</p>	<p>In this context, all the concerned Road owning Departments/Agencies have been requested to take necessary action on the matter from time to time.</p>
8.	<p>Moreover, the Committee also recommends that marine engine should be provided to South SalmaraMankachar, where necessary.</p>	<p>At South SalmaraMankachar district 50 Nos. of marine engines were already distributed to beneficiaries.</p>
9.	<p>In Dhubri Hatsingimari Ghat, there is no public toilet for which the passengers are facing lots of problem, specially the lady passengers. Therefore, the Committee directed the Department to take up the matter with the PHE Department so that the people of these areas need not to face difficulties in future.</p>	<p>There is no Govt. land in the Dhubri &Hatsingimari based ferry services for which permanent arrangement for public toilet facility specially for ladies could not provided at the river banks. In view of above, a letter was communicated to the Executive Engineer Public Health Department Dhubri vide letter No. GC/146/Pt-XII/2023-24/3244, Dt. 06-04-2024 for providing movable by toilets against both banks of Dhubri &Hatsingimari based ferry services.</p>
10.	<p>The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation made by the Committee in its twenty fifth Report (Sl. No. 5) regarding to provide waiting sheds in all the ghats of Barak and Brahmaputra.</p>	<p>The AIWTDS is taking initiative to provide prefabricated modular floating terminal which is presently in finalization of technical specification stage.</p>

11.	<p>The Committee observes that EVs are popular now-a-days. Therefore, the Committee recommends the Department to install electric charging points in all district headquarters and sub-district headquarters.</p>	<p>Setting up of a network of public electric vehicle charging Station in various places of greater Guwahati as per the MoU signed with the Tata Power EV Charging Solutions Ltd. is in the process under ASTC.</p> <p>Action Taken By ASTC: Considering the present demand of Electric Vehicles of heavy or small type, construction of EV Charging Station is essential to facilitate for charging of vehicles. ASTC proposes for construction of EV Charging station in ASTC campuses at certain towns in such a way that a proper route for the Electric buses get developed. Govt. Of Assam during the State Budget, 2024-25 has earmarked an amount of Rs.300.00 Lakhs (Rupees Three Crores) only for construction of EV Charging Stations. Accordingly, construction work for EV charging station has already been started at Mangaldoi and Nalbari.</p>
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OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant No.9

After a great deal of careful consideration of the papers/documents submitted by the Transport Department and clarification made by the Departmental representatives during the course of tendering their oral evidence the Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments has made the following Observations and Recommendations.

1. The Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments observes that there is a tendency everywhere in the entire State for the ASTC land/property encroachment in general and in particular the Committee noted about the issue of property encroachment in the ASTC Bus Station at Sipajhar, Dist-Darrang.

The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the concerned Department should take necessary steps together with the Local Land Revenue Authority to free the ASTC properties from encroachment with a special focus on ASTC Bus Station at Sipajhar, Dist- Darrang.

2. The Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments during the deliberation makes the observation about the status of work order issued for various ASTC Station Building with a priority on South Kajalgaon, Dist – Chirang in respect of the work of “Construction of ASTC Station Building at Chirang”.

The Committee recommends that the Transport Department should take necessary steps to look into the matter of the status of recent work orders issued for different Construction of ASTC Station Buildings, with an immediate urgency on South Kajalgaon, Dist - Chirang.

3. The Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments during the deliberation makes the observation about the lack of public transport connectivity via ASTC Bus Services in the following routes:

- a) Tengabari via Deomornoi/Patidarang to Bhangagarh/Dispur.
- b) Namkhola via Dipila/Khotora Satra to Baihata Chariali.
- c) Silchar ISBT via Udharbond to Khumba

The Committee therefore, strongly recommends that the Transport Department should take necessary steps to carry out a Commercial Viability assessment in the above mentioned routes on priority basis to introduce Bus Services.

4. The Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments during the deliberation takes note of the significance of early completion of ISBT, Tezpur.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that the respective Department should take necessary steps to expedite the construction process and to complete it within 2025-26 on priority basis.

5. The Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Development (D) Departments during the meeting discusses about the present financial condition of ASTC and the aspects of own revenue sources and the salary regularity etc.

After a threadbare discussion, so the Committee, recommends that the necessary steps are to be taken to focus on regular salary disbursement to the employees of ASTC with ample focus on own revenue generation scope.

6. The Committee observes during the meeting the importance of extensive Road Safety Awareness Campaigning in the greater public interest.

So, the Committee makes the recommendation that the concerned Department should focus on intensifying Road Safety Campaigns to curtail the fatalities in road accidents for an optimum result-oriented effort continually.

7. The Committee during the meeting emphasizes on the immediate need of repairing the existing IWT office at Tezpur, Jahajghat and also emphasizes to introduce a new ferry service connecting Burha Chapori and Tezpur.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that the Department should take necessary steps to undertake feasibility study to launch a new ferry service interconnecting Burha Chapori and Tezpur along with an urgent focus to repair the existing IWT office at Tezpur, Jahajghat within the current financial year itself.

8. The Committee observes during the course of meeting about the all-inclusive measures undertaken by the respective Department to make user friendly door step contact less and faceless online services to offer various services to the public.

So, the Committee appreciates on record the concerned Department about various steps taken to offer online services for different categories of Transport Department initiatives and encourages the time relevant approach, particularly after the covid stricken works.

With these Observations and Recommendations as mentioned above, the Committee recommends that the Budget provision amounting to Rs. 56866.66 Lakhs during the financial year 2025-26 under the Grant No. 9 be accepted.

The Action taken on the report may be submitted to the Committee within 90 (ninety) days from the date of presentation of the Report to the House.

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

No.LADRSC (D)/2025/01

Dated Dispur, the 1st February, 2025

In pursuance of the Rule 260-I(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly has been pleased to nominate the following Members to constitute the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

1. Dr. Paramananda Rajbongshi	MLA & Chairman
2. Shri Binod Hazarika	MLA & Member
3. Shri Mrinal Saikia	MLA & Member
4. Shri Mihir Kanti Shome	MLA & Member
5. Shri Ganesh Kumar Limbu	MLA & Member
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12. Shri Nizam Uddin Choudhury	MLA & Member
13. Shri Nirmal Kumar Brahma	MLA & Member

And in pursuance of Sub-Rule (3) of the Rule 260-I of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Speaker has been pleased to appoint **Dr. Paramananda Rajbongshi**, MLA and Member of the Committee as the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (D) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly.

The term of the Committee shall be for a period of one year with effect from the 1st February, 2025.

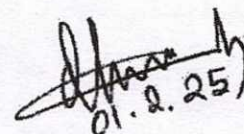
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